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Rocky Mountain Region
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &
Thunder Basin National Grassland
Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District
Saratoga, Wyoming

The North Savery Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is now available for public review and comment. The DEIS discloses the environmental effects of a site-specific proposal developed for the North Savery Project Area, on the Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests within Carbon County, Wyoming. The location of the project area is Townships 15 and 16 North, Ranges 86 and 87 West. The Draft EIS, high resolution maps, and other supporting information are available at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47913.

The North Savery Project would authorize 6,670 acres of vegetation treatments including salvage logging, precommercial thinning, and hazard tree clearing on National Forest System lands in the North Savery Project Area. The district also proposes specific changes to the transportation system in the project area, including changing road maintenance levels, converting road segments to more suitable uses, adding routes to the road system, and decommissioning 21 miles of system roads that are impacting watershed resources. The project decision would identify and designate the minimum road system in the project area in accord with Subparts A and B of the Travel Management Rule.

The environmental analysis for the North Savery Project will proceed according to Section 104 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act. The decision will be subject to the U.S. Forest Service project-level pre-decisional administrative review process (36 CFR 218, Subparts A and C). Melanie Fullman, District Ranger, is the Responsible Official. She will consider public comments, the results of the analysis and its findings, and make a determination whether or not to implement the proposed action or another alternative.

The opportunity to comment on this analysis ends 45 days following the date of publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the *Federal Register*. The NOA was published on July 28, 2017.

When commenting, please include (1) commenter's name and address, (2) title of proposed action, (3) specific substantive comments on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision. Only those individuals or organizations that submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments must either sign the comments or verify identify upon request. Comments, names, and contact information of those who comment will be part of the public record

for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, the Forest Service will not be able to send subsequent environmental documents to anonymous respondents.

Written comments may be submitted in hard copy by mail or facsimile, by email, or using the online project comment form at the following addresses:

Attn: North Savery DEIS c/o Paula Guenther, Environmental Coordinator.

US Postal Service:

Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District
PO Box 249, Saratoga WY 82331

Physical Delivery Address

Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District
2171 South Highway 130, Saratoga WY 82331
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.

FAX: 307-326-5250

E-mail: comments-rm-medicine-bow-routt-brush-creek-hayden@fs.fed.us. Acceptable formats for electronic comments are: rtf, pdf or Word doc.)

Online: Comments may also be submitted via an online form located at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=47913>.

To obtain copies of the Draft EIS or to request further information, please contact Paula Guenther, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at the Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District Office south of Saratoga on Highway 130, by phone (307) 326-2507, or email pguenther@fs.fed.us.